

**Columbia University Libraries**  
**ALA Round Robin June 2005**  
**ALCTS Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries**

**Cataloging Reorganization:**

Original and Special Materials Cataloging is being reorganized into two departments: **Original Serials and Monographs** Cataloging, and **Special Collections and Metadata** Cataloging. The reorganization recognizes a growing diversity in the former department's activities, and a tendency towards specialization in knowledge and skill sets among managers and staff.

**“Integrated” Systems:**

**LMS:** The core LMS will be upgraded to the **Voyager Unicode** release in July.

**ERM:** Endeavor's **Meridian** e-resource management module was installed in June, and will be fully implemented over the summer.

**Metasearch:** **MetaLib** was installed in June, with implementation planned for the fall semester.

**Repository:** ProQuest's **Digital Commons** was implemented in June, pre-loaded with dissertations and theses. We have begun to explore relationships with academic units to incorporate working papers series and other grey literature.

**Website Redesign:** The Libraries' main website is being extensively redesigned, with a projected August roll-out.

**Digital Archiving/Preservation:**

We continue to explore several approaches to long-term preservation of digital resources, for both locally-created and remote resources. Columbia has joined the **LOCKSS Alliance** and expects to join the **Portico** initiative, and we have contributed our first content to **OCLC's Digital Archive**.

**Original Script enhancement:**

Over the summer we expect to use batch-matching against the RLG Union Catalog to enhance about 30,000 romanized-only records, replacing them with matching records that include original-script data. The records are primarily Arabic and Hebrew, along with our earliest CJK cataloging.

**“Access Record” model:**

We have begun experimenting with a locally-developed “access record” model for monographs, applied primarily to languages for which we lack the expertise to do complete PCC/AACR2 cataloging, and selectively to materials that are deemed not to warrant that level of effort. The model is similar in intent to LC's access record model for electronic resources, but relies heavily on cataloger's judgment to determine inclusion and formulation of elements in the record. There is no prescribed minimal data element set, and descriptive information may be based on vendor or foreign MARC records without reformulating as AACR2.

**Integrated Tool for Selection and Ordering (ITSO):**

Columbia is one of the libraries interested in using the ITSO tool developed by Cornell and discussed in their round robin report. We're hopeful that discussions at ALA and beyond will lead to a feasible framework for making this useful tool more widely available.

**Course Management:**

Through the SEPP program, Columbia has been participating in the Sakai open source initiative. A library group has been formed to explore further integration of library content with our current Courseworks system (based on Prometheus) and to begin experimenting with Sakai and contributing to developments in that arena.